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SUBJECT: UNCTAD REQUEST FOR US FINANCING GSP SEMINAR

REF: GENEVA 254

1. IF MISSION HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE

INFORM BRADENBURG THAT U.S.

UNABLE REPEAT UNABLE FINANCE UNCTAD'S GSP SEMINAR FOR LATIN

AMERICAN COUNTRIES EVEN IF UNDP FINANCED TRAVEL AND PER

DIEM OF FOUR PARTICIPANTS FROM ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA AND

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INVITATION TO CUBA WERE DROPPED. USG AGREES THAT UNCTAD

PROJECT STAFF HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO STRUCTURE SUCH SEMINARS SO AS TO ENCOURAGE TECHNICAL AND PRAGMATIC DISCUSSIONS, AND HAVE GENERALLY SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING POLITICAL RHETORIC. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR TO BE PRESENT DURING ANY DISCUSSION OF THE US SYSTEM WITHOUT RAISING THE ISSUE OF THEIR EXCLUSION. THE IMPULSE TO RAISE THE ISSUE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY STRONG IN A REGIONAL LATIN AMERICAN CONTEXT, JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICAN FORUMS.

2. IN ADDITION TO POLITICAL PROBLEM OF ECUADOR'S AND VENEZUELA'S PARTICIPATION, WE ALSO HAVE SEVERE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, WHICH MEAN THERE IS NO REPEAT NO CERTAINTY

THAT FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE EVEN IF THE POLITICAL PROBLEM WERE OVERCOME.

3. USG DOES EXPECT TO MAKE AVAILABLE SERVICES OF EXPERT ON US GSP TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR FOR LATIN AMERICA AND OTHER RELEVANT SEMINARS. KISSINGER

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